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LETTER DATED 10 JANUARY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

We have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a Joint letter from U.S. Secretary of State James A. Baker and Foreign Minister of the U.S.S.R. Eduard Shevardnadze to the Secretary-General regarding the situation in El Salvador (see annex).

We should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Thomas R. PICKERING
Permanent Representative
of the United States
of America

(Signed) Yuliy M. VORONTSOV
Permanent Representative
of the Union of Soviet
Socialist Republics

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Annex

Joint letter dated 4 January 1991 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Secretary of State of the United States of America addressed to the Secretary-General

As you know, the United States and the Soviet Union strongly support your personal efforts to help negotiate a political settlement of the conflict in El Salvador in accordance with the Geneva and Caracas Accords between the Government of El Salvador and the FMLN. We are deeply concerned about the recent increase in violence in El Salvador and highly value your efforts to reduce it, as evidenced by your recent public statement.

We feel that it is extremely important to achieve a political breakthrough and an agreement on a United Nations-supervised cease-fire at the forthcoming rounds of negotiations and prior to the scheduled elections in El Salvador. We therefore hope that the legitimate interests of all political sectors in El Salvador will be ensured, and that conditions will be created for their participation in the elections and also for the United Nations to monitor and observe those elections.

As members of the Security Council, we are prepared to work with other members of the Council and interested States so that the parties in El Salvador are assured that any political agreements reached prior to a cease-fire will be fully respected and implemented. We believe your personal participation is key to finding a solution. For our part, we promise our complete support to your efforts in this matter.

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Secretary of State
of the United States
of America

Eduard A. SHEVARDNADZE
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Union of Soviet
Socialist Republics